



OFFICE OF PHARMACY SERVICES

Medicaid Pharmacy Program's Preferred Drug List: Generic vs. Brand Status

Not all Generics are Preferred. * In some instances, the State prefers the multisource brand name drug over its generic equivalent because the branded drug is more cost effective than its generic counterpart.

- When the brand name drug is preferred, no Medwatch nor authorization is needed¹.
- Pharmacy providers must enter a **DAW code of 6** on the claim to have it correctly priced.
- If any problems are encountered during the on-line claim adjudication of Preferred Brands, contact Conduent's 24-hour Help Desk at 800-932-3918 for additional system overrides related to the use of the correct DAW code (For example, when there is other insurance)

Therapeutic Class	Preferred BRAND	Non-Preferred GENERIC
Antibiotics, Inhaled	Bethkis (inhalation)	tobramycin powder (inhalation)
Antibiotics, Inhaled	Kitabis Pak (inhalation)	tobramycin pak (inhalation)
Anticonvulsants	Banzel Suspension (oral) ³	rufinamide suspension (oral) ³
Anticonvulsants	Carbatrol Capsule (oral)	carbamazepine ER capsule (oral)
Anticonvulsants	Depakote Sprinkle Capsule (oral)	divalproex sprinkle capsule (oral)
Anticonvulsants	Gabitril Tablet (oral)	tiagabine tablet (oral)
Anticonvulsants	Sabril Powder Packet ³	vigabatrin powder packet ³
Anticonvulsants	Sabril Tablet ³	vigabatrin tablet ³
Anticonvulsants	Tegretol Suspension (oral)	carbamazepine suspension (oral)
Anticonvulsants	Trileptal Suspension (oral)	oxcarbazepine suspension (oral)
Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents	Transderm-Scop (transdermal) ²	scopolamine (transdermal) ²
Bronchodilators, Beta Agonists	ProAir HFA (inhalation) ²	albuterol HFA (inhalation) ²
Glucocorticoids, Inhaled	Pulmicort 1mg/2ml Respules	budesonide inhalation suspension (1mg/2ml)
Hypoglycemics, Insulins	Humalog Junior Kwikpen	insulin lispro Junior Kwikpen
Hypoglycemics, Insulins	Humalog Mix 75/25 pen	insulin lispro mix pen
Hypoglycemics, Insulins	Humalog pen, vial	insulin lispro pen, vial
Hypoglycemics, Insulins	Novolog cartridge, pen, vial	insulin aspart cartridge, pen, vial
Hypoglycemics, Insulins	Novolog Mix 70/30	insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart
Immunosuppressives, Oral	Cellcept Suspension (oral)	mycophenolate mofetil suspension (oral)
Multiple Sclerosis Agents	Copaxone 20 mg/ml (Subcutaneous)	glatiramer 20 mg/ml (subcutaneous)
Opioid Use Disorder Treatments	Suboxone Film	buprenorphine/naloxone film
PAH Agents, Oral and Inhaled	Revatio Suspension (oral) ³	sildenafil suspension (oral) ³
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Prevacid Solutabs ODT	lansoprazole ODT
Stimulants and Related Agents	Adderall XR Capsule (oral)	amphetamine salt combo ER capsule (oral)
Stimulants and Related Agents	Concerta Tablet (oral)	methylphenidate ER capsule (oral)
Stimulants and Related Agents	Focalin XR Capsule (oral)	dexmethylphenidate XR capsule (oral)

*Generic vs. Brand Status of Non-PDL Medications

Antiretroviral Agents	Norvir Tablets (oral)	ritonavir tablets (oral)
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¹ Unless the Program has established clinical criteria for the drug. Clinical criteria can be found [here](#).

² Both brand and generic preferred

³ Is a non-preferred drug on the PDL and will require a prior authorization by the prescriber